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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3739**

Attorney Docket No: 2081CON2CIPCON  
(203-2400CON2CIPCON)

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APPLICANT: Buysse, et al.

EXAMINER: Roy Gibson

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

[X] No additional fee is required.

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate (Small Entity)	Addit. Fee	Rate	Addit. Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS*	14	21	0	x 25 =	\$0	x 50 =	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	5	0	X 100 =	\$0	x 200 =	\$0
[ ] First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim				180		+ 360	\$0

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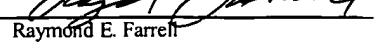
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2006, reconsideration of the claims with respect to the present application are requested in view of the following remarks:

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

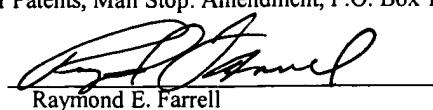
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